Reimbursing traffic fines of sanitation employees (HB 1318 by Wilson/Washington)

DIGEST:

HB 1318 would have authorized cities to reimburse their sanitation employees for fines imposed for certain traffic violations they committed while operating a motor vehicle owned by or registered to the city. The bill would have applied to traffic offenses that occurred within the "course and scope of the sanitation workers' employment." It listed specific violations that would be covered.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO:

The governor said cities should be allowed to decide for themselves whether reimbursement of this kind is in the best interest of city employees and other citizens.

AUTHOR'S VIEW:

It is the governor's prerogative to veto those measures with which he disagrees, said Rep. Ron Wilson. The exercise of the veto power is a part of the legislative and governmental process.

NOTES:

The House Research Organization analysis of HB 1318 appeared in the May 11, 1987 Daily Floor Report.